

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. DOMINICK DELLACCIO

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today that former Laborers International Union of America, Local 91 (hereinafter "Local 91") President DOMINICK DELLACCIO, age 61, of Lockport, New York, was sentenced for his conviction (via guilty plea) on federal racketeering conspiracy charges. Specifically, Chief United States District Judge Richard J. Arcara sentenced DELLACCIO to thirty-eight months imprisonment, to be followed by two years of supervised release, and ordered restitution in the amount of \$20,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr., and Assistant U.S. Attorney Brett A. Harvey, who are handling the case, stated that the charges arose from a lengthy criminal investigation conducted by a variety of federal, state, and local agencies into the activities of Local 91, based in Niagara Falls, New York. According to the Indictment filed in this case, certain Local 91 members, including DELLACCIO, engaged in repeated acts of extortion at a number of construction projects in Niagara County, New York, over a six year period of time.

The Government's investigation resulted in three trials, and the convictions of eighteen Local 91 members on charges ranging from racketeering conspiracy, to attempted extortion, the attempted destruction of an Alliant Food Service truck, and perjury. On August 1, 2006, the last four defendants charged in this case pleaded guilty mid-trial to racketeering conspiracy and other charges and are awaiting sentencing.

As part of his initial guilty plea, DELLACCIO admitted that he and other members of Local 91 committed the following acts of violence and sabotage:

1. property destruction and sabotage at a Mulvey Company construction site in Lockport in 1997; and

2. participation in a mass attack upon members of the bricklayers union at the Wegman's construction site in September, 1998.

DELLACCIO, who signed a separate cooperation agreement with the Government, was said, in a filing by Assistant U.S. Attorney Hochul, to have provided valuable insight into a number of matters relating to activities of Local 91 and others. United States Attorney Flynn stated that this case demonstrates that the responsibility for the acts of violence and destruction of property committed by certain members of Local 91 led to the highest levels of the union management structure, that is, President and Business Manager.

The prosecution was the culmination of a joint investigation on the part of the United States Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York State Police, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, and the Niagara Falls Police Department.